

Château BADETTE

GRAND CRU CLASSÉ
SAINT EMILION GRAND CRU



Famille Vandenbogaerde

Vineyard



Soil

clay-limestone, clay-sand,
sand-clay



Work under rows

mechanical



Mating disruption



Average density

7,000 vines/ha



Average age

25 years

About viticulture

Grape varieties: 67% Merlot, 28% Cabernet Franc, 5% Petit Verdot.

Our practices: No herbicides, Reasoned Agriculture, Green manure and permanent grass cover, Leaf thinning, Green harvest

Harvests



MANUAL IN CRATES

Sorting: Densitometry, manual

About vinification

Vinified entirely in 500-litre barrels and small stainless steel vats for plot-by-plot vinification, filled by gravity, with manual punching of the cap.

45-day vatting period with prefermentary cold maceration.

Total production: between 40 000 and 60 000 bottles

Growths:

- Château Badette
- La Fleur de Badette
- Le Grand Monsieur Badette



Presentation of the winery



Appellation

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru



Area

10 ha



Our values

High Environmental Value (HVE)



Team

M. Arnaud Vandenbogaerde

Owner

M. Jean Philippe Fort

Oenologist

M. Mathieu Richard

Technical director

Appellation

Saint-Émilion Grand Cru

Blend

Merlot: 85 %
Cabernet franc: 10 %
Petit Verdot: 5 %

Our barrel-ageing

70% in new barrels, 30% in one-year-old barrels

Yield: 45 hl/ha

Production volume: 30,000 btl

Technical data

Alcohol content: 15.5 %
pH: 3.5
Total acidity: 4.05 g/L

Tasting note

Château Badette 2016 is a great vintage, combining power, finesse and complexity. The colour is deep, almost garnet-black. The intense nose combines ripe black fruit (blackberry, black cherry, blackcurrant) with elegant oral notes (peony, rose), enhanced by hints of spice, chocolate, truffle and perfectly integrated noble wood. On the palate, the attack is full and velvety, carried by a dense, flavoursome body. The tannins are extremely fine, well-structured yet silky, and the remarkable freshness lends the whole a fine tension. The long, precise finish reveals hints of liquorice, light tobacco and jammy fruit.

Weather conditions

The 2016 Bordeaux vintage was exceptional, combining quality and quantity in a classic, harmonious style. After a rainy winter and a cool spring, the vines benefited from a hot, dry summer, which helped the grapes achieve excellent concentration. Moderate rainfall in September kick-started the ripening process, followed by a sunny October that enabled each grape variety to be harvested at optimum maturity. The grapes were in perfect health, with good acidity and remarkable phenolic potential. The red wines are deep, fresh and well-balanced, with powerful yet silky tannins and great aromatic precision, promising excellent ageing potential.



Scores :

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JEB DUNNUCK

A straight-up thrill ride of a Saint-Emilion, the 2016 Château Badette comes from a complex mix of clay and sandstone soils and checks in as a blend of 85% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc and the rest Petit Verdot that was raised in 85% new French oak. A big blast of crème de cassis, crushed flowers, white truffle, and spice flows to a powerful, full-bodied Saint-Emilion that has beautiful ripeness and depth as well as balance. It has the purity and texture to shine today, yet I suspect it will have two decades of life. Bravo!

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LISA PERROTTI BROWN

Medium to deep garnet-purple colored, the 2016 Badette (composed of 85% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc and 5% Petit Verdot) leaps from the glass with Black Forest cake, warm black plums and blueberry compote notes with suggestions of baking spices, fragrant earth and menthol plus a waft of lavender. Medium to full-bodied, the palate is laden with black fruit and spicy sparks, framed by firm, rounded tannins and fantastic freshness, finishing long.

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JAMES SUCKLING.COM

This offers succulent and ripe dark plum and berry aromas with a wealth of assertive tannins that deliver in quite classic style. Good and powerful, assertive finish here. A blend of 85 per cent merlot, 15 per cent cabernet franc and five per cent petit verdot. Try from 2022.

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vinous

The 2016 Badette is every bit as bold and racy as it was from barrel. Dark and sumptuous to the core, the 2016 possesses striking richness and personality to burn. Black cherry, chocolate, leather, spice and tobacco are meld together in an inviting, alluring Saint-Émilion that is going to be hard, if not impossible, to resist upon release. Soft contours and plush fruit add to the wine's flamboyant feel. This is very nicely done.

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THE WINE CELLAR INSIDER

Located close to Troplong Mondot, this is a new player in the Saint Emilion hit parade. The new owners have a spare no expense attitude to produce the best wine possible and it shows. The wine is dark in color, intense, lush, powerful and silky. There is heft, but also freshness and the finish, with its dense layers of black fruit, licorice and earth leave a long impression. This still sells for a song for a wine of this quality.

